(b) whether Government has taken cognizance of this assessment and what reforms are proposed to facilitate doing of business in our country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. India's rank is however comparable to that of other emerging economies including the BRIC countries (Brazil-125, Russia-120, China-83). Moreover, various recent studies have highlighted the growing attractiveness of India as an investment destination. India has been ranked as the 2nd most attractive destination for foreign direct investment by A.T. Kearney's 2007 Foreign Direct Investment Confidence Index and UNCTAD's 'World Investment Report, 2008'.

(b) The Government of India in partnership with various State Governments and Business Associations is making concerted efforts to make regulations conducive for business requirements. The regulatory reforms include setting up of single windows, reduction of documentation through composite forms for various licenses/permissions, computerization of services, simplification of taxes and payments, reduction of inspections, and dissemination of national and international best practices.

Growth in capital productivity

†867. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that heavy growth in the capital productivity in the country has been witnessed during the last years;

(b) if so, the estimates of growth of capital productivity during the period from 2002 to 2008;

(c) the names of those twenty five industries reporting maximum productivity growth; and

(d) the names of those five industries reporting minimum productivity growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) As per the analysis done by the National Productivity Council (NPC) based on the Prowess database of the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), the capital productivity has been growing at a positive annual Compound Growth rate of 4.03% during the period 2002-2008.

(c) and (d) The details of names of those twenty five industries reporting maximum productivity growth and the names of those five industries reporting minimum productivity growth is enclosed as a Statement.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Details of the Industries regarding their productivity growth

(A) Names of twenty five Industries reporting maximum productivity growth

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Growth rate %
1.	Kewal Kiran Clothing Ltd.	209.31
2.	Nila Infrastructures Ltd.	165.90
3.	Remi Metals Gujarat Ltd.	156.18
4.	White Diamond Industries Ltd.	153.52
5.	Vinyl Chemicals India Ltd.	152.34
6.	Pet Plastics Ltd.	150.84
7.	Ritesh Polyesters Ltd.	143.92
8.	A B L Biotechnologies Ltd.	140.04
9.	J M G Corporation Ltd.	128.56
10.	Sowbhagya Media Ltd.	122.51
11.	Sagar Sugars and Allied Products Ltd.	119.84
12.	O N G C Videsh Ltd.	119.04
13.	Garnet Construction Ltd.	113.09
14.	Kamar Chemicals and Industries Ltd.	110.06
15.	Quantum Build-Tech Ltd.	107.12
16.	Vishnu Chemicals Ltd.	103.94
17.	Karma Ispat Ltd.	102.37
18.	Alchemist Realty Ltd.	99.18
19.	V B C Industries Ltd.	98.96
20.	Kamanwala Housing Construction Ltd.	96.84
21.	Belapur Industries Ltd.	92.42
22.	K C Textiles Ltd.	88.01
23.	Bhagwandas Metals Ltd.	85.82
24.	Rama Petrochemicals Ltd.	79.96
25.	Zyden Gentec Ltd.	78.93

(B) **Name of Industries reporting minimum productivity growth.**

Sl.No.	Name of the Company	Growth rate %
1.	Modi Rubber Ltd.	-59.36
2.	Vazir Glass Works Ltd.	-60.19
3.	Dazzel Confindive Ltd.	-63.54
4.	Amal Ltd.	-64.22
5.	Kirloskar Systems Ltd.	-66.71

Note: Growth rates estimated as compound annual growth between 2002 and 2008.
Source: NPC estimation based on the CMIE Prowess Data base of 2000 companies.

Decrease in employment opportunities in foreign trade

†868. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that exports from the country have increased to 17.1 per cent in respect of dollars and 28.7 per cent in respect of rupees;

(b) if not, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons as to why there is an indication of decreasing of the opportunities of employment in this foreign trade during this period despite the growth of export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Yes Sir, during the period April — December, 2008.

(b) Does not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

(c) The decrease in employment is mainly due to fall in exports in the labour intensive sectors during the 3rd quarter of the current financial year and in January, 2009.

Alternative employment to tea plantation workers

869. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tea plantation workers are dying a slow death, as the Centre's package has helped only the owners of these estates;

(b) whether it is proposed to cover tea workers under National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) to provide them employment atleast of 100 days during the year; and

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